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SUBJ: BAHRAIN SCHOOL

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1. EMBASSY'S INFORMAL SURVEY HAS REVEALED LITTLE INTEREST ON PART OF SMALL AMERICAN COMMUNITY HERE IN SENDING CHILDREN TO BAHRAIN SCHOOL. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY DOHA-BASED PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN IN SCHOOL AT PRESENT. IN VIEW OF PROJECTED TUITION LEVELS, GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS THAT MOST PARENTS WOULD PREFER TO HAVE HIGH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN AT BOARDING SCHOOLS IN US OR EUROPE WHERE COSTS WOULD BE NO GREATER AND ENVIRONMENT MORE CONGENIAL.

2. MOST US FIRMS OPERATING IN QATAR FOLLOW PRACTICE OF ASSIGNING EMPLOYEES HERE WHO DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN OR WHOSE CHILDREN ARE PRE-OR POST-SCHOOL AGE. COMPANY MANAGERS ALMOST UNANIMOUS IN TELLING US THAT THIS POLICY UNLIKELY TO CHANGE EVEN WITH BOARDING

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SCHOOL AVAILABLE IN BAHRAIN.

3. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, WE DOUBT IF MANY FOREIGN NATIONALS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SENDING CHILDREN TO AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL IN BAHRAIN. QATARIS ESPECIALLY WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO CONSIGN THEIR OFFSPRING TO WHAT ARE VIEWED AS RADICAL AND DANGEROUS INFLUENCES IN BAHRAIN.
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